

GREAT RUSH MADE TO THE CITY HALL

Attack on the Mayor Brings a Thrill to Get News and Show Sympathy.

OFFICIALS MUCH SHOCKED

Acting Mayor Mitchel Races to Hoboken Hundreds of Telegrams Received.

News of the attempted assassination reached the Mayor's office in the City Hall and John Purroy Mitchel in the office of the President of the Board of Aldermen almost at the same time and in each instance almost casually. In the Mayor's office Police Lieutenant Kennell, who since Mayor Strong's time has been assigned to duty in the City Hall as Mayor's orderly, was talking over the telephone to a friend at Arverne between 9 and 9:15 o'clock. Suddenly the Arverne connection was cut off and an authoritative voice demanded to know particulars of the attempt upon Mayor Gaynor's life. "Kennell responded:

"You mean that old story of two or three weeks ago?"

"No, I mean the story of this minute. Some one tried to shoot the Mayor in Hoboken," the authoritative voice said, "then that mysterious connection was broken. The lieutenant at once got in connection with the Hoboken office of the North-German Lloyd."

At the same minute, as it afterward appeared by a comparison of the time, Mr. Mitchel in his office was talking over the telephone with Ezra Prentice, Deputy Attorney-General, when Mr. Prentice interrupted the chat by asking sharply: "What's this news on the ticker about the Mayor being shot?"

Mr. Mitchel had heard nothing at that time and told Mr. Prentice that the rumor must be false, but Mr. Prentice said that news of such importance generally was pretty carefully authenticated before it was put on the ticker. Mr. Mitchel at once telephoned to the Mayor's office, where Deputy Comptroller Matthewson was waiting for him, and heard from Mr. Matthewson the news that Kennell was at that moment receiving from Hoboken.

Mr. Mitchel hurried over to the Mayor's office, arriving there at 10 o'clock. He got into communication with some officials on the steamship wharf and heard confirmation of the news, just as the confirming word came into the office from Police Headquarters. Mr. Mitchel, who was greatly shocked, exclaimed:

"Oh, this is atrocious! It is an atrocious deed! It is a shameful thing that an official cannot do his duty in New York City without meeting such an awful fate as this."

A few minutes later reporters brought in the news that the Mayor was not dead, but was resting and conscious in a stateroom on the steamship. Mr. Mitchel then hurried out to the wharf to the Broadway City Hall Park, and not finding a department automobile there, as he expected to, commandeered a citizen's automobile and hurried to Hoboken.

When the President of the Board of Aldermen left the City Hall at half past 10 o'clock newspaper extras containing the report of the shooting of the Mayor were being crated on the streets, and a crowd quickly gathered in front of the City Hall. The numbers grew so rapidly that fifteen minutes later a detail of police cleared the terrace sidewalk in front of the City Hall Park, and a crowd of men and women continued to come into the park by thousands they seemed to be satisfied when they saw that the Mayor was not dead, but was resting and conscious in a stateroom on the steamship.

By 11 o'clock the lobby leading to the Mayor's office was crowded with newspaper men, many of them representing foreign papers and news associations. Some of the latter even at that time had received urgent cable messages for prompt bulletins. Besides the newspaper men many city officials and private citizens, well enough known to pass the police lines, called to inquire for late news and to leave their cards of sympathy.

At 11 o'clock Mrs. Vincent, the recently-wedded daughter of Mayor Gaynor, rushed breathlessly into the City Hall, pushed open the door to the Mayor's private office, crying:

"Where is father?"

"In the Hoboken Hospital," some one answered, and before the swinging door had closed upon her entrance she rushed into the hall again. A city official who recognized her turned to a clerk from the office of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, who had a moment before driven up in the department automobile, and ordered the man to follow Mrs. Vincent and offer her the department automobile for her trip to Hoboken. When the man overtook Mrs. Vincent and directed her to his automobile she entered it in a daze apparently. Her husband was with her.

By 11:45 a dozen or more messenger boys had joined the waiting reporters, each of the youngsters having been sent there by citizens with instructions to obtain the latest news. It was at that time, 11:45, that Lieut. Kennell was called up by the Mayor's orderly, Robert Adamson, and the first official report of the tragedy was furnished. This telephone message contained the substance of the news relating to the tragedy up to that hour and concluded with the words:

"We have very good hopes."

Within a minute after Kennell repeated what the message over the telephone had said a score of reporters, correspondents and messengers ran from the office and distributed the hopeful news throughout the world.

Between that hour and 1 o'clock personal and telegraphic inquiries poured into the Mayor's office. Among the many who called in person and left their cards were Reginald Walsh, Acting British Consul; J. Chan, Consul-General from Denmark; George B. Corbison, Louis L. Tribus, acting President of the Borough of Richmond; Felix M. Warburg of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; John D. Cunniff, Father Curry; Phillip J. Donohue, treasurer of Tammany Hall; Alfred Brook Fry, chief engineer, United States Treasury Department, and nearly every one of the Manhattan officials who are in the city.

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F. L. De La Barra, the Mexican Ambassador to the United States, sent this:

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Mr. Gaynor received this telegram from H. E. Hume, Mayor of Nashville:

"Nashville people are profoundly distressed over attempt to kill Mayor Gaynor. His courage and ability have endeared him to the hearts of all Tennesseans."

The secretary to Mayor Magee of Pittsburgh, Pa., sent this:

"The sincere hope of Mayor Magee of Pittsburgh that the outrageous attack upon Mayor Gaynor today will not prove serious. That his recovery will be speedy is the earnest wish of Mayor Gaynor's Pittsburgh friends."

Acting Mayor Galvin of Cincinnati telegraphed:

"The people of the city of Cincinnati are immeasurably shocked by the attempted assassination of Mayor Gaynor and earnestly pray for his recovery and for the punishment of the assassin. Convey my personal sympathy and regards to him and his family."

Comptroller William A. Prendergast called from London:

"It is my sincere hope that the reports regarding the injuries sustained by the Mayor are exaggerated and that he will escape any serious consequences from this unpardonable deed."

Edward M. Shepard telegraphed this from Lake George:

"Am shocked immeasurably by wicked attack on you and pray for speediest recovery of your splendid and beneficent energy."

This message was from Samuel Ross, first vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad:

"The attack on Mayor Gaynor's life was a shock to his friends and the country at large. I sincerely hope he will recover and be able to continue the great and beneficial work he has inaugurated for the city of New York."

A telegram from Mayor Gaynor's brother, Thomas L. Gaynor of Springfield, Ohio, to Secretary Adamson read:

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was fired so near that it seemed to be in front of my face. Commissioner Edwards went for the man and bore him to the deck. Another shot was fired in the mixup. Seeing that Commissioner Edwards had the man under control and the revolver having been taken away I hurried after the Mayor, who was being taken to his stateroom.

Mr. Thompson said that in the stateroom there was some discussion about probing for the bullet at once. Apparently the Mayor heard the discussion calling Commissioner Thompson to his side he said:

"Don't let them discourage me, Thompson."

Corporation Counsel Watson in telling his version of the shooting said:

"I remember that the Mayor made some jocular remark to Commissioner Lederle and then turned to Commissioner Edwards, who stood at his left, with whom I think he was speaking when the first shot was fired. My first impression is that I first saw an arm and hand grasping a pistol, looking to the right. The first shot was fired as I saw the pistol and it was this shot which struck the Mayor. The muzzle of the weapon did not have been more than a few inches from the Mayor when it was discharged. I recall that the Mayor instantly put up his hand to his neck and staggered slightly and immediately all was confusion."

"Commissioner Edwards grappled with the man who fired the shot and seemed to catch him around the waist, leaving his pistol arm free. Several bystanders, including Commissioner Thompson, Mr. McMillen and myself, caught hold of the man's pistol arm as he was borne back toward the rail by the force of Commissioner Edwards' onslaught, and we all fell in a heap almost against the rail, with the assailant underneath."

"The revolver was a double action revolver, and before it could be held so that its discharge could be prevented two more shots were fired. My impression is that it was the second shot which pierced the body of Commissioner Edwards' arm. The third shot was fired almost as he was going down against the rail."

The assailant made a vigorous struggle to get on to the deck and was forced from his fingers by Mr. McMillen and myself. As we struggled on the deck after Commissioner Edwards had pinned the body of the assailant, Mr. McMillen, using one of his hands, tried to remove the cylinder of the pistol, which the man was still trying to discharge. By this time, however, his fingers had lost all definite purpose and the pistol was wrenched from his hands. Commissioner Edwards slipped on the wrist handcuffs which some of the ship's officers had thrown at the assailant.

"Prior to that time the Mayor had been taken to his stateroom. The room was cleared of all except the Mayor's son, Rufus Gaynor, Mr. Adamson, Commissioner Thompson and myself. The Mayor was perfectly conscious and calm at all times. He showed by no audible sign that he was in pain and spoke almost cheerfully to those around him. He allowed the ambulance to the hospital with Commissioner Edwards and Mr. Adamson in Commissioner Edwards' automobile."

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Ahearn and Haffen Went Out of Office as a Result of His Investigations. He and the Comptroller Have Not Always Agreed With Mayor Gaynor.

John Purroy Mitchel, Acting Mayor, is a young man in political life who has in a very short time come rapidly to the front in the civic activities of New York. At the time of his nomination to the office of President of the Board of Aldermen it was said that he was the youngest man who had ever been nominated for that or an equally important office here. He is 30 years old and is one of a few people much talked of who do not figure in the "Who's Who" books. He is a nephew of the late Henry D. Purroy, one time prominent in Tammany Hall and at another in opposition to the Hall as a member of the old County Democracy. John Purroy Mitchel's father, Capt. James Mitchel, who was a son of John Mitchel, the Irish patriot, died in October, 1908, while he was registering for the fall election. He had held the office of First Marshal for five years while Mr. Purroy was First Commissioner.

John Purroy Mitchel first came before the public about four years ago, when Corporation Counsel Ellison designated him as an Assistant Corporation Counsel to investigate charges against Borough President Ahearn. Mr. Ahearn opposed this designation and Mayor McClellan appointed Mr. Mitchel Commissioner of Accounts to carry on the same work. His work resulted in the removal of Mr. Ahearn by Gov. Hughes and also in the removal of Borough President Haffen of the Bronx, after which Mr. Mitchel went into an investigation of Borough President Coler of Brooklyn, but did not land Coler. There followed an investigation of the office of the Mayor's License Bureau, which resulted in the complete reorganization of that office. He also exposed a rotten hose scandal in the Fire Department.

Mr. Mitchel's activities and success as Commissioner of Accounts led soon to talk of him as an eligible candidate for elective office and last year he was nominated on the fusion ticket for President of the Board of Aldermen. He is a Democrat. In accepting the nomination he said: "If I should be elected, I pledge myself to give the questions before the Board of Estimate and all other boards of which I will be a member the most painstaking study and all the energy I possess."

In a campaign address he placed himself alongside Judge Gaynor's position, although he was not a candidate for the office, in declaring: "What I believe the city needs most of all is a knowledge of its own business. Without that knowledge it is impossible to decide what the city really needs."

Soon after the new administration took office last January Mr. Mitchel displaced the Board of Aldermen by securing a public hearing of the Board, which was a useless and obstructive institution and a body which aimed to keep in office a public official who was not in his duty. He said that he had already beginning to wonder if it was his duty after three weeks of prosing over the Aldermen to go to Albany and ask to be elected to the State Senate, and to the Board of Estimate and all other boards of which I will be a member the most painstaking study and all the energy I possess."

Mr. Mitchel is a graduate of Columbia University, having received his A. B. in 1894. Last year Miss Olive Child, daughter of Franklin D. Child of 7 West Ninety-second street.

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DIED.

GRAY. On Tuesday, August 9, in New York City, Margaret E. Gray, widow of London Carter Gray, M. D.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

LORD. On August 7, 1910, Katherine M. Lord, wife of Chester S. Lord.

FUNERAL AT 2 P. M. Wednesday, August 10, from her late residence, 37 South Portland Av., Brooklyn.

SIMMONS. The Board of Directors of THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, being desirous of expressing the sorrow felt by each member of the board upon learning of the death of Lake Mohonk on Friday, the 10th instant, of Mr. J. Edward Simmons, President of this Bank for the last twenty-two years, after the death of which following Mr. Simmons is a part of the proceedings of this meeting:

Joseph Edward Simmons, after graduation at Williams College, in 1862, was admitted to the bar in the State of New York in 1865 and practiced law for several years at Troy, N. Y. He came to the City of New York in 1867, to engage in business as a banker and broker, and soon became a prominent member of the